



PATENT
(Docket No. IN-5516)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Peter BETZ et al.

Serial No.: 09/914,545

Filed: August 30, 2001

For: Sol-Gel Coatings for Single-Layer or Multi-Layer Varnishes

Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: William P. Fletcher

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The present application is copending with 09/914,937 and 10/049,532, and it was previously copending with 10/069,188, which issued as 6,713,559.

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- ☐ English language abstract for the following non-English references are enclosed.
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1204 86		**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18		**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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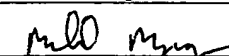
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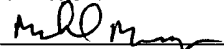
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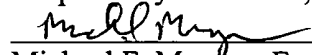
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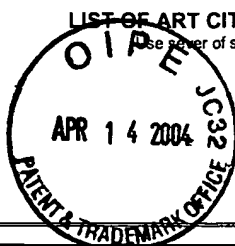
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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	AA	5,221,329	06/22/93	Tarr			04/20/92	
	AB	5,412,016	05/02/95	Sharp			09/14/93	
	AC	5,418,264	05/23/95	Obloh et al.			03/03/94	
	AD	5,447,998	09/05/95	Grady et al.			04/08/94	
	AE	5,670,257	09/23/97	Sakai et al.			12/07/95	
	AF	5,760,128	06/02/98	Baltus et al.			12/27/93	
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
	AP	Chemical Abstracts, vol. 84, no. 18, 3 May 1976, Columbus, Ohio; abstract no. 123526w, Page 94; XP002153878; abstract for JP50095388 (Toa Gosei Chem Ind Co., Ltd) 29 July 1975.						
	AQ	U.S. Serial No. 09/914,937, filed 9-5-01, Betz et al., previously published as WO00/53683.						
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